

Transitions

Relationship or Pattern	Use these transitions	Example
sequence	<i>first, second, always, then, next, later, soon, before, finally, earlier, afterwards, meanwhile, eventually, next week, tomorrow</i>	Bill first asked his mother for permission to go to the ballgame. Later he asked his father.
spatial order	<i>in front, behind, next to, near, nearest, lowest, above, below, outside, inside, underneath, on/to the left, on/to the right, in the middle, beside, on top</i>	On the way to the game, the city bus encountered heavy traffic near the mall.
comparison	<i>like, also, similarly, in the same way, too, in addition, neither . . . nor, either . . . or, in comparison</i>	The game went into extra innings. Like most of the other fans, Bill decided to stay until the end.
contrast	<i>but, yet, rather, even though, unlike, although, on the other hand, however, by contrast, instead, nevertheless, as opposed to</i>	Unfortunately, Bill had promised his parents he would come home early. Instead , he stayed at the game until midnight.
cause and effect	<i>since, because, thus, therefore, so, due to, as a consequence, accordingly, for this reason, as a result, owing to</i>	As a result , his parents said he had to clean out the garage on the weekend.
order of importance	<i>first, second, greater, greatest, last, better, best of all, worse, worst of all, next, mainly, strongest, weakest, equally, most, least</i>	Worst of all , his friends were planning to go to the beach.